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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Apr 19, 1918

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In this letter I am sending you the entire set of copies of a little paper published on board ship & it will tell you practically all that can be told about our trip. When you ^{get} through with them I wish you would keep them for me as it will be a good remembrance to keep from the trip.

Tell folks as I cannot tell you much more I will close
with love from
"Red"

P.S. Address my letters same as before only A.E.F. instead of camp location.

J.B. [Signature]
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